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"THE LORD LOOKETH UPON ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH.
HE FASHIONETH THEIR HEARTS ALIKE" — *PSA. 33:14*

News and Notes

Dr. Hans C. Jersild has accepted the call from Salem Danish Evangelical Lutheran, Brooklyn, New York. He and family will move to Brooklyn around the middle of September.

Change of address—After August 15 all Trinity Seminary correspondence, including Seminary Student Aid Fund matters, is to be addressed to:

Trinity Theological Seminary
Wartburg Seminary Campus
Dubuque, Iowa

My home address after that date is 1475 Audubon Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

Theo. I. Jensen

Mr. Carl C. Jensen, a member of our congregation at Evan, Minnesota, who passed away some time ago has remembered our Church with a bequest of \$1,810.25 for the Pension Fund. We are indeed very grateful as a Synod to this friend for his contribution to our Pension Fund for our aged servants of the Lord. May God bless his memory.

Remember your Church in your will. It is giving of your earthly means where they count most and serve best.

H. C. Jersild

Trinity Seminary will open its seventy-first year on September 11, on the campus of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. It will begin with a formal worship service at 10 a.m. in Loehe Chapel on the seminary campus.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to pastors and lay people of our church to attend this service. Incidentally that will be a splendid opportunity to become acquainted with the beautiful campus which is now to be the home of our theological seminary. Note the time: September 11, 10 a.m.

Theo. I. Jensen

DANA COLLEGE AND TRINITY SEMINARY

A sincere welcome is extended to all pastors and members and friends in our church to join us in festive worship services to be held in First Lutheran Church, Blair, Nebraska, at eight o'clock in the evening of Sunday, September ninth.

The service is sponsored by Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary in observance of the opening of the fifty-seventh school year of the College and the conclusion of Trinity Seminary's mission in Blair, preparatory to its transfer to the campus of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

The address of the evening will be delivered by the Reverend William Larsen, President-elect of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Greetings appropriate to the relocation of Trinity Seminary and the opening of the College academic year will be brought by Seminary President, Theo. I. Jensen, Mayor Ray Hansen of Blair, Pastor H. C. Jorgensen of First Lutheran Church, and acting president, C. C. Madsen of Dana College.

Theo. I. Jensen, President, Trinity Theological Seminary
C. C. Madsen, Acting President, Dana College

Pastor A. N. Moreck, Olds, Alberta, Canada, has accepted a call from the congregation at Tilley, Alberta. He expects to move to his new change in October.

Persecution in Colombia. One paragraph in a recent letter from Pastor Arnfeld C. Moreck, our missionary in Bogota, Colombia, South America, deserves to be noted: Pastor Moreck writes:

Several of our believers as well as two of our Colombian pastors and one evangelist have been imprisoned from one to three weeks upon trumped-up charges by arbitrary local authorities. We believe that even this has served as a testimony to the Gospel. Roman bigotry continues to pressure authorities into closing Protestant schools and churches. The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia reports that 200 Protestant schools have been closed to date and that 30 churches and preaching places were closed during April. **But the Word of God is not bound and more people seek its message than ever before!**

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Atlantic District

August 30-Sept. 2.
Penn Yan, N. Y.
Send reservations to
Renus Borglum,
Penn Yan, N. Y.

Iowa District

Sept. 6-9
Coulter, Iowa
Send reservations to
Mr. Delos H. Lind,
Coulter, Iowa.

Illinois District

Sept. 13-16
Clifton, Ill.
Send reservations to
Mrs. Leroy Lukow
Clifton, Ill.

Nebraska District

Sept. 13-16
Denver, Colorado
Send reservations to
Mrs. Arnold J. Kirkegaard
Rt. 3, Box 296,
Denver 8, Colorado.

Pastor William Larsen, President of Synod, will move to Blair, Nebr., Sept. 1st, to take over the office of the President of the U.E.L.C. His address will be 711 West Washington Street, Blair, Nebr.

Royal, Iowa. Pastor Clifford R. Paulsen was installed in his office Sunday, July 29, by District President C. M. Videbeck. In the evening the congregation held a beautiful reception for the pastor and his family. Many musical numbers were given and many speakers welcomed the new pastor. Pastor Carl Schattauer also spoke and closed the evening with prayer. The congregation gave the pastor a purse and after that there was a good period of fellowship.

Marcus and Oyens, Iowa. Pastor C. M. Videbeck also installed Pastor J. H. Petersen at Marcus and Oyens, Iowa, on July 29. After the service at Royal the District President went to these two congregations and had installation services there.

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Editorials and Comments

TO CHURCH AND SAVE MAKING BREAKFAST

The Covenant Weekly had this interesting editorial lately:

Los Angeles church, apparently concerned about waning attendance at its services, is now offering breakfast—without charge—to all adults, and children accompanied by adults, attending Sunday morning wor-

ship. The pastor, whose name we will not mention because we desire to spare him the embarrassment he should suffer for his part in this misplaced charity, commented: "I want to help our congregation forget about preparing breakfasts on Sunday."

How can people be attracted to the church on Sunday morning by such a simple device as this, a whole field of competition among churches is just opening up. Freed from the necessity of preparing dinner and undoubtedly be much more of an inducement to women, and a really enterprising church might attract people in by the hundreds—even drawing them from a neighboring church whose generosity ends in the giving of a cup of coffee and a sweet roll—if the meals were consistently good. Even more appealing might be a breakfast-in-bed service offered together with a tape-recorder message and a payroll-deduction for making one's contribution to the church. An arrangement of this kind would reduce to a minimum the inconveniences resulting from participation in wor-

ship. Serving a cup of coffee following a service to strengthen the sense of fellowship which the church must always seek to maintain, or to provide a social setting in which newcomers might be made acquainted with those who are already members, is a practice that can well be encouraged. To furnish a meal however in the hope of relieving a prospective member of a chore he would otherwise avoid will make him feel more kindly toward the church certainly has no place in the program of the Christian church.

The twentieth-century church enjoys unnumbered blessings and unlimited opportunities. If it would prove itself worthy of its blessings and equal to its opportunities it must have the good sense to see that its mission is not simply to "win friends" but to help people find Jesus Christ and, having found him, to grow in grace and in their fellowship with him.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We did get a few letters about our recent editorial, "The Emetic." In the reading of these letters, we have the feeling that the readers would like to see more letters and expressions of opinion in the paper. One letter said, "Is it not possible to have a regular column of letters in The Ansgar Lutheran?"

This note gives us a chance to say that we would be delighted to have some letters every week. We have 150 pastors. If each pastor wrote a letter a year, we could at least have one letter every week, and the

pastor would only have to write a letter every three years. Then we have some 11,300 other readers. There must be some of them who now and then have an idea to write to us.

We do get some letters that we cannot print. The letters may be personal, that is, they may be against a pastor or some other person in the synod. We get letters from cranks. We do not print such letters.

As a rule we print all letters that express opposition to us and our views. The only exception we make is when it is written in such a way that it will hurt the writer himself, if it is printed.

The other day we were talking to a group of pastors at a Bible camp who said they had some long sessions in the evening talking together. It did strike us that in such sessions new and fresh ideas are bound to come up. Why not let us have a short letter now and then about the ideas.

Now we have district meetings coming up. Pastors and delegates will be discussing problems. Let us have a letter in the form of reactions to some of the problems.

We have written about this many times, but here we go again. Simply write, but observe the rules, that letters must be rather brief, and that the writer must give his name and address, even though he may not want to have his name printed.

A SOCIETY OF SINNERS

It is open to question whether church people, taken person for person, are morally better than non-church people. At any rate, the critic can make an argument on the other side. He can talk about hypocrites in the church, and good people outside it.

But no claim of superior virtue for church people is true to the Christian conception. No Christian would claim that he himself or his Christian brother is better than others. Instead, his confession at the end of the day is: "We are all unprofitable servants."

The church is not an organization of good people; it is a society of sinners. It is the only organization in human society that takes sinners into its membership just because they are sinners. It is the only organization that keeps on saying week after week, year after year, age after age, "We have done those things that we ought not to have done and left undone those things that we ought to have done." No other organized body bears in its group consciousness the weight not only of its own members' sins but the sins of the whole community.

This is the glory of the church, its uniqueness, that it lives perpetually on the vitality and realism of its own repentance, its contrition, and its plea for God's help and forgiveness.

Let us not claim moral virtue for church members or for the church. Let us rather glory in the fact that the church is a society of sinners, who claim no virtue but humbly rest their broken and burdened lives upon the grace which God has eternally revealed in Christ Jesus.

—Charles Clayton Morrison,
in *The Pulpit* of July, 1937

Church News from here and there

1957 WORLD CONFERENCE SET ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Approval has been given for a Lutheran World Conference on Social Responsibility to be held at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, on August 6-10, 1957.

The Commission on Inner Missions of the Lutheran World Federation, meeting in Berlin, Germany, on July 18-20, gave the go-ahead signal for the Conference, according to Dr. Carl F. Reuss, secretary of the Commission, on his return here from Germany.

The Conference will be a free conference rather than a delegate or representative assembly. The tentative invitational mailing list includes people from five continents. Individuals who are "broadly representative of the concerns and interests of the Lutheran Church in the field of health and welfare" are being sought, the report stated.

"Christ Frees and Unites—For Responsible Service" will be the Conference theme. The official languages of the meeting will be English and German; one Scandinavian language will also be selected and used.

"Children and Parents," "Emigrants and Immigrants" and "Individuals in Conflict with Society" are included in the eight areas of interest. The group will also delve into the problems of "The Sick and Emotionally Disturbed," "The Mentally and physically Handicapped," "The Married and Those Preparing for Marriage," "Older People and The Aged," and "Persons Away From Home."

Some of the basic social issues to be considered by the conclave are "Values and Goals of Our Age," "Pressures of Population Changes" and "Applying Social Welfare Principles to the World Tasks of the Church."

The report outlining the Conference was prepared by the National Lutheran Council's Division of Welfare, fulfilling an assignment of last year to set up a meeting of the LWF's Commission on Inner Missions. The National Lutheran Council is the U.S.A. National Committee for the LWF.

This conference will be one of several meetings that will be held by special interest groups prior to the Third Assembly of the Federation at

Minneapolis, Minn., August 15 to 25, 1957.

Dr. Reuss of Columbus, Ohio, headed the Welfare Division's 15 member planning committee. He is executive secretary of the Board of Christian Social Action of the American Lutheran Church and chairman of the NLC's Division of Welfare.

INDIA IMPROVES STATUS OF WOMEN

The Hindu succession bill which has just been passed by both houses of parliament is a landmark in the social history of this country. Enactment of the bill and its signature by the president completes the most important changes in the Hindu code suggested by the Rau committee in 1947. The first installment was the Hindu marriage act of 1955. The new law applies to all persons in India not professing the Muslim, Christian, Parsi or Jewish faiths. It makes women eligible to inherit and hold property in the same way as men. It also provides a share in the father's property for the daughters.

PAKISTAN MAKES POLYGAMY HARD

A commission on marriage and family laws has recommended that any man living in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan must get permission from a matrimonial court if he wants to take a second wife. Protests sparked by the Pakistan Women's Association at the time the former prime minister, Mohammed Ali, took his secretary for a second wife, led to appointment of the commission. Mr. Ali is now ambassador to the United States. Four men and three women made up the commission. They agreed that "polygamy cannot be left to the sweet will of the individual . . . In rare cases taking a second wife may be justifiable but it should be conditional on permission of a court." That should be given, said their report, only if the husband is capable of doing justice to more than one wife and the additional children. The first wife now has to resort to a court to protect her rights. This is unjust, says the commission.

HUNGARY'S LUTHERANS ISSUE NEW HYMNARY SCORE BOOK

Budapest, Hungary—A new organ score book to be used with the recent

edition of the Hungarian Lutheran Hymnary will be off the presses this summer.

This will mark the completion of a two-fold task to introduce new musical works and delete those hymns that have been in disuse for decades. It will completely replace the last organ score book printed in 1913, according to the Hungarian Church Press published here by the Reform Church, the Lutheran Church and the Federation of Free Churches in Hungary.

The new Lutheran Hymnary appeared last Christmas and since then the commission of the General Consistory of the Lutheran Church has worked on the musical scores of 400 hymns included in the book.

Providing scores for about 100 new sacred songs was the initial task of the commission and was completed in March. The General Consistory authorized a separate edition of the new hymns "in order that the congregations may introduce these."

The balance of the score book comprised of some 300 standard hymns currently in use. On publishing the score book, the leader of the commission, composer Imre Sulyok, revealed in detail some of the major principles which have guided the commission's work. "Organ accompaniment . . . must promote the rhythmic singing of the congregation," he explained.

"Rhythmic singing is not beyond attainment," Sulyok said. "Church members like and gladly sing the beautiful rhythmic hymns."

WON'T VOTE FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC

Protestants should consider seriously "whether the demands the Roman Catholic Church makes upon its members affect the ability of any one of these members to fill the office of President" of the United States, Dr. Hampton Adams told his Park Avenue Disciples of Christ congregation in New York last month.

"If a Roman Catholic should be nominated," Dr. Adams declared, "the position that church has taken" on public issues would be up for discussion in the campaign. "We have the obligation to ask how Roman Catholic attitudes and practices that are evident elsewhere would affect the country if the Roman Church were to get a stronger political position," he continued, and cited "obstacles" Protestant churches in "Italy, Colombia, and other countries where the

man Church controls the machinery of government" as well as the recent closing of the Protestant seminary in Madrid, Spain. He also expressed "apprehension" as to what would happen to public education if the Roman Catholic Church "were to improve its political advantage."

Dr. Adams said he could not in good conscience vote for a Roman Catholic to be President or Vice President. Expecting to be accused of "intolerance," the New York clergyman added that "Protestant Christians must not be silenced by this device which the Roman Church has too often found effective. Great principles are at stake."

INTERNATIONALIZE THE SUZ AND PANAMA

More than 13,000 ships traversed the Suez canal last year, of which roughly 1,000 were British, 1,700 Norwegian, 1,000 French, 1,000 Italian, 600 Dutch, 400 Swedish, 400 American, 300 Danish and 300 German. So the waterway is a facility of the maritime world. The wide diversity characterizes the use of the Panama canal, which carries about half as much traffic as Suez. The basic reason why the world cannot afford to have these canals controlled by any one nation or group of nations is that they are essentially international in character. The French originator of both canals recognized this universal element from the beginning; it was only later that one canal came into the control of Britain and the other of the United States. The nature of the service Suez is called for to render to the world is the main reason why President Nasser's effort to seize and nationalize the Suez canal would not be allowed to stand as the last word. If the canal were a natural resource, such as oil, it could be taken over, as Mexico and Iran, to mention only two countries, demonstrated by their expropriations in past years. But Suez is an international facility, and it should be treated as such. It is therefore encouraging that after the first angry reactions in London and Paris reports indicated Britain and France were turning to the idea of the maintenance of the Suez canal by an international consortium or by the United Nations. Since the U.N. is already in existence, there is no need for a special international body. Egypt's special interest in the canal, which traverses her territory, should be recognized by financial arrangements and by representation on administrative bodies. We hope the United States, which has an important share in the rise of Nasser to power, will support the proposal for internationalization of Suez. The most effective

way we can do it is to offer at the same time to turn Panama over to a U.N. canal authority. There is as much logic behind the internationalization of the one as of the other. Both canals are in need of new expenditures for enlargement; this is a logical time for transition. Meanwhile the development of the Nile is also overdue. If the Aswan dam is not to be financed by revenues from Suez, which are not sufficient anyway, it must be done in other ways. A reasonable proposal looking toward the building of the Nile dam should open the way for the recovery of Suez.

Christian Century

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YOUNG MISSIONARIES MEET

One hundred and twenty young missionaries going abroad for the first time—many of them to face situations of unparalleled complexity in the history of the church's overseas work—met at Allegheny College June 26-July 31 for a final briefing session. In an intensive five-weeks course the young men and women representing ten U.S. Protestant communions will study subjects ranging from discussion of specific geographical areas to methods of learning a new language, ways of staying healthy in tropical climates and problems of nationalism and Communism. They will also get basic instruction in literacy teaching, agricultural improvement and use of radio and films in remote areas.

BOOK REVIEW

THE BIBLE'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING ITSELF

Dr. J. M. T. Winther, our aged missionary in Japan, has just published a book about the Bible. He calls it *Theopneustia*. It is printed by the Lutheran Literature Society in Japan. It has 165 pages and it can be had for \$1.50.

It goes without saying that we take such a book and read it with interest. Dr. Winther is conservative. He believes the Bible is God's inerrant Word. It is refreshing to read how he places proof upon proof as he writes about it. He calls forth the witnesses in the Bible to this fact. Jesus and the apostles and the evangelists and also the prophets.

The book shows evidence of much knowledge and reading.

When the author has established the fact of the inerrant and inspired word, he takes such subjects as theories, nature and evidences of inspiration.

There are some misprints in the book due to the fact that the printer

did not take the correct final proof-sheet. But we feel sure that the book will do much good in Japan especially if it is published also in the Japanese, which is the plan.

Our synod has not produced many writers. Our early fathers did some writing, such as P. S. Vig and others. Dr. C. B. Larsen had a book published. Otherwise very few of our men have felt compelled to write. So we are happy for Winther's book also from that point of view.

Perhaps these lines may induce some of our pastors to go into the ink bottle. The time is short, if we are to do any writing before the synod merges. A real book about the history, life and spirit of our church should be written. Who will do it?—J.M.J.

During the last World War, thousands of bombing planes were sent on missions of destruction. After the war, a few of them were taken over for commercial service. They are called "converted bombers." A converted bomber is the same plane that once carried a lethal load of destruction. It has the same wings and fuselage, the same type motors, the same cockpit and instrument panel. The bomb racks are gone. The gun turret is gone. It has a new paint job, but it is essentially the same plane. It has, however, this difference. It has a new owner. It carries a new cargo. It has a new pilot. This is true conversion.

In Christian conversion, Jesus Christ delivers us from the old life and possesses us for God. He enters into the cockpit of the heart, takes over the controls and operates the old life on a new course, pointing us to a new and glorious purpose—" . . . the kingdom of God and his righteousness . . ." This means, of course, that all our relationships and activities are to be converted and viewed now in the light of our new mission. The old job, the old routine of the day, the old cargo which remains to be carried, may be lifted through Jesus Christ and moved toward God. The spiritual may invade and take over the secular through a new purpose by the power of Jesus Christ.

Do you want to venture on a sacred mission and serve an eternal cause? Then turn over the controls to Jesus Christ. Recognize the fact that you belong utterly to God. Then start operating your home, your business, your job with your heart set on God's Kingdom and His goodness.

Robert Boyd Munger, in
What Jesus Says
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

When Marriages Break Down

HOW DIVORCE MAY BE AVOIDED

By Jean L. Hughes

Why do marriages break down? Why is the divorce rate assuming such extraordinary proportions? Is it right and good that divorce should be so prevalent in our community?

Whether or not it is right is a question for the theologian; whether or not it is good is a question which I, as a social worker, can attempt to answer. I believe that in approving of divorce in this generation, we are making it harder for future generations to achieve a happily married state, and we are undermining the general stability and emotional welfare of those who come after us. We all know that the strongest influence upon any person's development is his own early home life, and marriage counsellors have found again and again that failure in a parent's marriage has predisposed to marital unhappiness for the child in his turn. Furthermore, I believe that the whole integrity of our nation depends very largely on the strength and solidarity of its home life.

Now I feel that it is essential to be sympathetic in our approach to this question, because I know that great distress and frustration can be suffered by two people who are held together in an unsuccessful marriage. And I know that in a few cases separation may be the only solution. This seems to be so, for example, where there is severe and

progressive mental illness or where one party has undergone a severe personality change. But by and large, I believe that separation and particularly divorce should be avoided.

We should do all in our power to stabilize marriages and to prevent the popular acceptance of divorce. This is not a futile or hopeless task. There are many ways in which individual marriages can be improved and there is much that can be done even on the purely human level. However, if we are also true believers in Jesus Christ, then we shall have access to great spiritual help in smoothing the rough places in our own natures and in achieving harmony together.

I propose to discuss here the causes of marriage breakdown, a program for strengthening marriages on a human level, and finally the help which is available to us from God.

What are the main causes of marriage breakdown?

From the purely human point of view, the chief cause is personal immaturity. That is, a general childishness or self-centeredness, a preoccupation with one's own rights and privileges, an inability to be truly concerned about the happiness of the other person. Then another leading cause is instability, a general restlessness and dissatisfaction, seeking for new interests and pleasures, an inability to settle down in one place with one person. Now all of us are immature and unstable to some extent, but where these personal qualities exist to a high degree, then marital unhappiness is likely to follow.

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Other causes of marriage failure are mental illness, physical illness, sex ignorance and maladjustment, financial problems, poor housing and difficult relatives. It is interesting to note that at the Marriage Guidance Centre, with which I am connected, we find that external factors such as housing, finances and relatives are rarely sufficient in themselves to break up a mar-

riage. Immaturity or instability or some other personal difficulty usually provides the necessary soil in which these outside influences can germinate.

Can we map out some type of programme for the general strengthening of marriages? What are the ways in which every marriage can be improved? What are the ways in which divorce may be avoided?

Divorce and marriage failure in general might be avoided in many cases if the permanence of marriage were more widely recognized and respected in the community. Divorce breeds divorce. Too frequently a couple entering marriage think silently, "I can always get a divorce if it doesn't work out." If the sanctity of marriage were more widely upheld, men and women would be more thoughtful before deciding to marry, and would feel a duty to hold the marriage together. We need, as a community, to have the same fixed dogmatic recognition of the sanctity of marriage that we have of the sanctity of man life.

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Second, we must consider the point: our whole attitude to marriage has its roots in very early infancy, long before we even thought about marriage at all. The personal qualities necessary for a happy marriage—cheerfulness, trust, generosity, unselfishness—begin in the first two years of life. The person who has had a happy infancy and childhood is the person who has had sufficient love and wise training from his own parents, and is this person who develops the qualities which I have described. He does not harbour grudges or suffer feelings of insecurity. Instead, he grows up cheerful and generous and able to trust those about him.

Then too, marriage is influenced enormously by the person's early ideas of marriage. If his parents have lived happily together, he will expect to do the same; if they are loving, loyal and considerate to each other, he will very likely act in

same way; if they speak of marriage as a serious permanent state, he also will tend to look on it as permanent. Thus the responsibility which rests with parents is very great.

If we hope to bring about an important reduction in the divorce rate, we must see that our young people have some helpful education about marriage. All too few of them have any clear idea at all of the meaning of love and marriage. Too many people drift, or even rush, into marriage for reasons other than a deep, mature affection—perhaps they marry for security or for a new experience, or through a desire to escape from home, or because of physical attraction alone.

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We need to talk over with our sons and daughters the true meaning of marriage and love, the qualities to seek in a partner, and the responsibilities resting with both husband and wife. We need to see that our children have correct sex training. As a Christian group of people we need to take some action concerning the present, popular exaggeration of the importance of sex—an exaggeration which becomes almost an adoration, and which finds its expression in advertisements, films and more particularly in the writings of our leading modern novelists. For this general education of the young for successful marriage, responsibility rests with all adults—with friends, teachers, neighbors, clergy and social organization. Christian marriage could well be discussed from the pulpit, and we all could be less frivolous in our approach to the subject.

What, one may ask, are the qualities which bring success in marriage? The most significant quality of all is a true Christian faith, for the Spirit of God can bring harmony in a marriage even if the couple do not start off in the most satisfactory way. Next in importance is a true and deep affection—an affection in which fondness, physical attraction, admiration, common interests and common ideals

all play a part. Then we need loyalty—in every sense—in thinking the best of the other person as well as in refraining from discussion of him or her with relatives and neighbors. There are many other qualities necessary, including complete trust, respect for the other person's rights and feelings, personal security, courtesy, and a determination to make a success of marriage.

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What can two people do if they feel that their marital happiness is threatened? The golden rule, I believe, is to do nothing in haste. There are difficulties in most marriages, and it is when they occur that the positive qualities, such as respect and common interests and ideals, carry the couple through. When a difficulty arises it is important to see it in its true perspective, and to weigh it against the valuable aspects of the marriage. In many matters, disappointments and differences of opinion are best forgotten.

It helps us all to realize that a certain amount of anger and resentment exists in most marriages. We all possess ambivalent feelings toward every person—that is, feelings of both like and dislike, love and anger—and we have them even toward those nearest and dearest to us. It is important to accept this fact and to avoid magnifying situations in which anger and frustration may occur. Particularly important is it to avoid steps which will widen the breach.

I have observed that, for most couples, one nasty quarrel makes future quarrels more likely, because it reduces the respect in which each has held the other. In any disagreement it is essential to keep a check on what is said. It is wise to avoid discussing a controversial subject while feelings are running high or when one or both are tired. A compromise can usually be found if the subject is discussed later in a calm and frank manner.

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Every husband and wife is well advised to avoid telling other peo-

ple about their minor difficulties; and we, who may be onlookers, should avoid well-meaning interference and advice because, on the whole, it consolidates a marriage for the couple to use their own resources to solve a problem. When the difficulty is especially severe, it helps to discuss it with one properly qualified person; but even this should be done, if possible, with the full knowledge of the other party.

Now, as I said earlier, a Christian faith helps tremendously in stabilizing a marriage. How is this so?

By a Christian faith I mean a personal, sincere trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and God, and a determination so to live that pleasing Him is our chief concern.

The important, essential feature of Christian conversation is that God gives His Holy Spirit to those who seek Him and decide to follow Christ. The Spirit comes to live within us and changes our natures. He it is who gives us the grace to overcome the faults and trying habits which exist in all of us. Thus when husband or wife knows that he is contributing to marriage failures by selfishness or pettiness or ill temper, he can pray for relief from these qualities and know that God will answer his prayer. As we all know, simply making up our minds to be different does not really help. We need outside help from God.

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Even in the beginning a Christian has an advantage about his marriage and can ask whether God means him to marry and whether this is, in fact, the right person for him. Then as problems in adjusting seem to arise, both he and his partner are able to pray for tolerance and patience, and may talk over their differences of opinion in the light of Christ's teaching and standards of behaviour.

Further, no man is able to tell what type of person he and his wife will be in 20 years' time. We all

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AUGUSTANA DECLINES MEETING WITH JOINT UNION COMMITTEE

By Erik W. Modean

National Lutheran News Bureau

The Augustana Lutheran Church has turned down a proposal for a second meeting between its Commission on Ecumenical Relations and a committee representing fellow members of the former American Lutheran Conference.

The session was proposed 16 months ago by the Joint Union Committee of the four bodies with which Augustana negotiated toward merger for nearly two years before its withdrawal from the group in 1952. The other bodies are the Evangelical Lutheran, American Lutheran, United Evangelical Lutheran and Lutheran Free Churches.

Augustana withdrew from the then so-called five-way merger on the grounds that it could not participate in union discussions which were not open to all Lutheran bodies and which did not include consideration of future ecumenical relations with such agencies as the World Council of Churches.

In March of 1955, the Joint Union Committee accepted an invitation to meet in Chicago with Augustana's commission. On the same day Augustana's commission held separate sessions with representatives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America. Purpose of the meetings was to "find a new common ground" for discussions of Lutheran unity "on a wider level."

When the Joint Union Committee met the following day it decided to suggest another session with Augustana's commission "in the interest of resolving tensions" which had arisen the previous evening. It was hoped to hold the meeting in May of last year, but this could not be arranged and the matter had been held in abeyance since then.

The proposed session was finally considered officially by Augustana's commission last May and its decision was communicated to the Joint Union Committee in July by Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Church.

In regard to a followup meeting to last year's consultations in Chicago, the commission expressed its "unchanging interest in fraternal relations between all Lutheran groups."

The commission voiced the conviction, however, that "the projected meeting of all Lutheran groups responding to the invitation issued jointly by the United Lutheran Church in America and the Augustana Lutheran

Church should be given precedence over other conversations until such time as the results of this invitation are more exactly determined."

"We thank you for your suggestion that we hold another meeting," Dr. Benson added, "and I sincerely trust that at some future date we may again sit down together, whatever our affiliations at that time, to try still to effect total Lutheran unity."

The ULCA-Augustana invitation was the outgrowth of the decision between these two bodies in Chicago last year. Sent to the 14 other Lutheran groups in America, it invited them "to consider such organic union as will give real evidence of our unity," and to "proceed to draft a constitution and devise organizational procedures to effect union."

The invitation has been declined by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and it seems likely that the other members of the Synodical Conference—the Wisconsin Synod, the Norwegian Synod and the Slovak Church—will do likewise.

The Lutheran Free Church has turned down the invitation in view of its prolonged negotiations with the ELC, ALC and UELC. The LFC withdrew from the latter discussions early this year when a referendum on the union plan failed to receive a three-fourths vote of approval from its congregations. However, the question is to be considered again at its annual conference next year.

The Suomi Synod has decided to explore the possibilities of both the ULCA-Augustana proposal and the present three-way negotiations, while the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, when it meets in August, is expected to accept the bid from ULCA-Augustana.

Under the articles of union which the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church adopted in June and which the American Lutheran Church is expected to accept in October, these three will be represented at the ULCA-Augustana discussions by members of their Joint Union Committee.

The other four bodies in American Lutheranism—Finnish Apostolic, National Evangelical, Lutheran Brethren and Eielsen Synod—have not made known what their action will be in response to the ULCA and Augustana, who are expected to call their first meeting in November.

Our Foreign Mission Fields

OUR COLOMBIA MISSION

Report of Rev. K. R. Jensen to the Synodical Convention

Our Colombia mission field is located in the North Western part of that country, particularly in the state of Boyaca. It has a population of about 800,000. The difficulty is that at present we are not able to do much work there. The reason is that by an agreement between the Colombian government and the U. S. Two-thirds of Colombia has been declared "mission territory," and only Roman Catholics are permitted to carry on mission work there. We can, however, work in the cities, which we do.

The Roman Catholic church in South America seeks to control all aspects of life: religious, educational, social, political, and economic. Sadly enough, it does not seek to improve the lives of the people over which it claims control. So, I am told, that there is in Colombia today 1½ million children of school age who are not in school.

It is impossible for children of evangelicals, the name used by Protestants in South America, to attend public schools. They may not be permitted to do so, and if they were, they would be in physical danger.

To meet this situation we have two boarding schools, one in Bogota and one in Sogamosa. The cost per child is about \$150 a year. We also have a day school for children in Bogota, and a training school for teachers and evangelists. There we have about 25 students.

Bogota, the capital is the center of our mission. It is not in the state of Boyaca, but it is considered a legitimate field for any of the missions working in Colombia. The center of our work there is the Church of the Redeemer and its adjoining schools. The cost of these structures was about \$100,000, paid for by the ELC. Between 200-300 people gather there for worship every Sunday. New people are coming continually. Helen Danielson is the parish worker. At present Rev. Pausanias Wilches is the national pastor of the congregation. As a student he was supported by our national Luther League at a seminary in Buenos Aires. I mentioned the day school, the boarding school, and the training school in Bogota. Missionary Arnfeld Morck is at present in charge of the training school and also superintendent of the mission.

We have five other centers of work; Parpa, Tunja, Cucuy, the Plains, and Sogamoso. Sogamoso is a rapidly growing industrial center with thousands of workers coming in continually. We believe that it will become a very strategic center also for mission work. Land has been bought for sites of a church, a school, and a home for workers. The estimated cost is \$55,000. Women of the ELC will pay for these buildings. Educational and evangelistic work is being done in and from the other centers according to opportunity.

The staff in Colombia is not large, 13 missionaries including wives; 10 are on the field at present. But good use is being made of national workers. We have two well-trained pastors, 1 theological candidate, 2 theo-

logical students; and a number of evangelists and teachers.

A new Lutheran seminary is functioning in Buenos Aires. The seminary building is almost if not all completed. This seminary is sponsored by the ULCA and the Department of Lutheran Co-operation in Latin America. Our Joint Board makes a contribution toward general expenses of the seminary. We have one student there.

The ALC has purchased a site for a seminary in Mexico City near the University of Mexico. The seminary will also be available for our students from Colombia.

The work in our Colombia field is difficult, there are many obstacles. We hope and pray for a brighter day with greater opportunities for spreading the gospel of our Lord in that land. To that end we pray for generous support of the present work. It is possible that as opportunities in other parts of the world disappear, new opportunities for the gospel ministry may open to us in South America.

DO IT YOURSELF PROGRAM

By Mrs. Alfred Thompson

"Go Ye." Yes, dear friends, it is a do it yourself program, if we are to see the Gospel go into all the world. I know by experience, that putting it off for others to do is too expensive for my own soul. Before I left teaching to go to Africa, I nearly died a spiritual death. I had just listened to others and put off the call of God. God spoke to me through a man saying: "There is someone here that God is giving a last chance." I knew at once that it was I. When God spoke to you, what did you do? I know a number of young people that God called. They did not answer, and today they are almost useless. May I speak and warn you now, for I know that Africa and India and Japan and South America are going to rise at (Continued on page 13)

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Letter From Japan . . .

Portable Chapel Dedicated

Nojiri, Japan

July 24, 1956

Dear Friends:

The children and I are now at our vacation spot in the mountains, and we are enjoying the fellowship of our co-workers from all over Japan. The boys are so happy to have our American children to play with in their own language and ways. It is a thrill for us to hear of the joys, sorrows and problems of the other missionaries, and we find that our experiences are not very different from those of others.

While we are enjoying the cool air here, Paul is still in Chiba. The people of our little church have some big days this week. For two days they will go across the peninsula on the ocean side for a spiritual retreat. We were so happy that the young people who were baptized this year took the responsibility to plan the details. We received the use of the school building right by the beach, where there is a large "tatami" (straw mat) room, ordinarily a home economics' classroom. The group will divide the room in two and sleep on the floor. They will take a tent along to put on the beach and use that as a cook house. The girls will do the cooking for the group.

The program will be very much like those at home. It will include a Bible study by a guest speaker, song services, and campfires, as well as time for bathing and wading, or just relaxing on the beach. Although there is so much water in and around Japan, only a very small proportion of the people swim. The girls are especially modest about being seen in bathing suits.

We hope and pray that these young Christians will be drawn closer to each other and to their newly-found Saviour.

Sunday of this week the new portable chapel, donated by friends in America, will be dedicated. We have waited a long time for this, and the people are eagerly looking forward to worshipping in a real church building. Again the newly-baptized young people are putting forth every effort to see that it is ready for use.

Two weeks ago we gathered to clear the land and

to put up a sign telling the people what was to be done. Last Sunday after services, everyone helped to handbills in the mail boxes of the homes in the village. Saturday is "oosoji" or housecleaning day. Sunday, church bell which was also donated by friends in America will ring for the first time in a new area where there are no churches.

We pray for the growth of our little Chiba church both in numbers and spiritually to the honor and glory of the Saviour of the world.

Yours in His Service
Joyce Johnsen

People and Places

Youth Weekend "Package" Planned:

Dr. Wilton E. Bergstrand, chairman of the Subcommittee on Youth Rally for the L.W.F. Assembly in Minneapolis next year, is working on a plan whereby not only the rally, scheduled for Saturday night of the assembly, but the entire weekend will be centered around events of interest to young people. Beginning with Friday evening Public Event and continuing through Saturday youth parade and specially planned discussion periods for the youth, the program will culminate in the Youth Rally and the huge closing service of the Assembly on Sunday, August 25, 1957.

Walther League Meets At Ames:

"A Child of God cannot be a juvenile delinquent," Dr. John W. Behnken, St. Louis, Mo., told 6500 delegates and visitors at the opening rally of the 64th International Walther League convention which met at Iowa State College in Ames from July 22-26.

The league treasurer reported an all-time-record annual income with \$54,000 in regular membership contributions, \$25,000 for a special Christian Vocation Fund and \$22,000 for a special Debt Fund Offering. A budget of \$97,000 was adopted for next year besides an additional expenditure of \$16,000 for headquarters improvement.

Membership statistics showed a roster of 4053 societies with 90,000 members.

Symbols of the Christian Church

The Symbols of the Apostles

James:

Like his brother John, James was in partnership with their father Zebedee in a prosperous Galilean fishing enterprise when Jesus found him and summoned him with the compelling words: "Follow me."

Little is known of this fisherman whom Jesus called to be a disciple for he is eclipsed in the gospel accounts by his brother just as Andrew stands in the shadow of Simon Peter. Yet scant though the information be that we have of him, we know that with Peter and John he comprised that inner circle of disciples that was with Jesus at the raising of Jairus' daughter, the Mount of Transfiguration, and the Garden of Gethsemane.

The sons of Zebedee possessed fiery dispositions that won for them the title Boanerges or "sons of thunder," but in these impetuous young men Jesus beheld qualities that when transformed would be valuable in the proclamation of the gospel.

Zebedee's wife, the believing Salome, desired the best for her ambitious sons and requested of Jesus that James and John be granted the foremost seats in the Kingdom. In reply, Jesus told them that they would drink of the cup of which He drank, but to promise them the desired places was not His to grant. These words of Jesus were fulfilled in part in the death of James who was the first of the apostles to die. He met death as a martyr beneath the sword of Herod Agrippa.

Stories abound which tell of James founding churches in Spain, but there is nothing in scripture to support them. In fact, the biblical account would seem rather to point to their improbability. Nevertheless upon the shield of James we find the sword, the symbol of his martyrdom, and the scallop, the emblem of his supposed journeys.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As a man's prayer is, so is the man. We are, in our innermost self, not what our friends see us to be, but what we are when we stand fact to face with God.—Olfert Ricard

LEAGUERS ARE ASKING

1. What shall I do? I have a Catholic girl friend. She is my best friend. Should I still go around with her or should I ignore her?

Your problem is a very real one and one that faces many other young people. The answer will vary somewhat depending upon whether you are a boy or a girl. If your Catholic friend is of the opposite sex, your situation is more critical for, let's face it, there is then the possibility of dating and of falling in love and of a wedding with much heartache and finally a marriage in which the home will be divided or one in which one member will have to deny his faith. This change of faith will shake you to the quick if your faith is anything more than lip service to your church, and it will shake those whom you love most and who have given you practically everything that you possess. The risks and the costs of having close friends of the opposite sex who confess another faith are too great to be taken lightly.

Even if your Catholic friend is of the same sex as you, there are dangers involved. Close friends like to be together and do things in common. That means that nine chances out of ten either you will be drawn away somewhat from your church or she from hers. It also presents a definite possibility that one of you, because of your close friendship, will meet someone whom you will really like of the other sex belonging to the other's church, and again we have the seeds of sorrow.

Furthermore, I don't think that you would want a "best" friend of another faith. Your best friend is one with whom you can share all things, and if you can't share faith, your friendship is going to be pretty superficial because we believe that our faith becomes a part of all that we do and say.

Thrown together as you are in high school and community events, it is only natural that you will have many acquaintances of different faiths, but for your own sake and for the sake of many others, keep these associations on an occasional and general basis. You don't have to ignore your present friend, but you can cultivate and encourage other friendships. You might have a good talk with your Catholic friend and tell her that because of the differences in your faiths, it might be best for both of you if you would pal around more with the young people of your own church. Chances are she will respect you more, and there will be no hard feelings. What is more, in the long run, you will both be thankful that you avoided what could have become a real problem.

BY THE FIRESIDE

TONIGHT

For all who watch tonight—by land
or sea or air—
O Father, may they know that Thou
art with them there.
For all who weep tonight, the hearts
that cannot rest,
Reveal Thy love, that wondrous love
which gave for them Thy best,
For all who wake tonight, love's ten-
der watch to keep,
Watcher Divine. Thyself draw nigh,
Thou who dost never sleep.
For all who fear tonight, whate'er
the dread may be,
We ask for them the perfect peace
of hearts that rest in Thee.
And all who pray tonight, Thy wres-
tling hosts, O Lord,
Make weakness strong, let them pre-
vail according to Thy word.

—Author Unknown

WELL SAID

To enlarge an irrigation dam in a
dry country is as much an "act of
God" as an earthquake. It is a pity that
"acts of God" are always assumed to
be the good Lord in action without us.

Shaun Herron

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The real adversary of the Church
is the godlessness of His pious follow-
ers. The mind of man is secularised
because the Church is not spiritualised.

Dr. James Clarke

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To discover that mind (of Christ)
we first search the Scriptures and
then examine the traditions of the
Church. But the Bible is not authori-
tative in isolation from the Church,
no more than is the Church in isola-
tion from Christ, the head of the
Church.

The Bishop of Rochester

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To say the Lord's prayer and do
nothing about bringing in His King-
dom is an insult to God our Father.

George Thomas, M.P.

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Too often the Church has discussed
sex in relation to sin rather than to
salvation.

Reinhold Niebuhr

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Christian workers are called to build
bridges, not trenches.

Protestant Evangelical Action
Committee, U.S.A.

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The greatest disaster of the modern
Church is that a person has to be re-
spectable in order to get into it.

William Barclay

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As to what is desirable, I have

never been able to distinguish sharply
between different kinds of "kiononia"
(sharing) between the various Chris-
tian communities. If we are sufficient-
ly close together to pray, study, and
witness together, it seems unreal to
single out the sacrament of unity as
the one place at which we must remain
divided. This is undoubtedly a minor-
ity view in the Church of England
today, but perhaps it will not always
be such.

The Bishop of Leicester

ALIVE

If I fail to catch the music in the
gently falling rain,
If the splendours of the sunset spread
their hues for me in vain,
If my heart sends back no echo to the
bird in yonder tree—
Though my purse should hold a mil-
lion, I would still a pauper be.

If the triumphs of my fellows wake no
thrill within my breast,
If the task that waits the doing spurs
me not to do my best,
If I do not find fresh courage with
each day that passes by—
Then the beggar at the corner needs
his crutches less than I.

Nellie Goode.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL

People are always blaming their
circumstances for what they are. I
don't believe in circumstances. The
people who get on in this world are
the people who look for the circum-
stances they want, and if they can't
find them, make them.—

George Bernard Shaw

There are no circumstances, no mat-
ter how unfortunate, that clever peo-
ple do not extract some advantage
from; and none, no matter how for-
tunate, that the unwise cannot turn
to their own disadvantage.—

La Rochefoucauld

Nothing splendid has ever been a-
chieved except by those who dared
believe that something inside them
was superior to circumstance.—

Bruce Barton

SECRET SERVICE

If the shut-ins all united
In one voice of common prayer,
What a ceaseless shower of blessing
Should be falling everywhere!
Though so weak and oft-times helpless,
They can wield a mighty power,
Lifting up their souls' petition
To the Saviour hour by hour.
They can importune the Father
From the "secret place" and then
In the quiet and the stillness

They can hear Him speak to them
Never soldier in fierce conflict
Could a higher honor bring
Than the shut-in who's performing
"Secret Service" for the King.

—Exchan

ELOQUENT EYES

If you would be popular, learn
smile with your eyes! Successful por-
trait photographers recognize the va-
lue of this technique. They know that
if they can get a person's eyes to
smile they need not worry about the
rest of the face. Hard lines and "stif-
fness" disappear. So when they want
to get an especially attractive photo-
graph they keep suggesting pleasant
thoughts to their customers until their
eyes soften—and speak. Why should
such a good trick be reserved for
photographic studios? Why not put
your best face forward all the time?
It is largely a matter of habit. When
you meet people, express cordiality
with your eyes. Instead of the rubber-
smile which you have been clicking
on and off, like a camera shutter, on
such occasions, give out with a smile
that will be remembered—one done
with your eyes! Your mouth will take
care of itself. You have known plenty
of people who could criticize with their
eyes. It is just as easy to be gracious
and friendly with them. And if you do
it often enough it will change your
whole personality. Why not? It's the best
secret anybody ever gave you.

—Whatsoever Thing

NOT ALWAYS MARRIED

"Mother," Tommy asked, "what does
'married' mean?"

"Why, it means mothers and fathers
promise to love and honour each other
all the rest of their lives," mother
answered.

"Then you and Daddy aren't always
married, are you?" he countered.

It was homework time at the Ruben-
steins' home.

"Benny," said Mama Rubenstein
"tell me how many is seven and four."

"Twelve," replied Benny.

"Not bad for a little shaver," volun-
teered Papa Rubenstein. "He only
missed it by two."

Then there's the fellow who amaz-
ed his friends by marrying an heiress.
Seems he finally won her by sending
25 roses on her 38th birthday.

DO IT YOURSELF PROGRAM

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the judgment and say: We called you and you did not answer. When answered, what did God do? Did he leave me alone? No, far from it. He said: "There is no man that with left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands for my sake and for the Gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren, and fathers, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and the world to come eternal life."

Now as a witness to His goodness I wish to tell you of some of the wonderful answers to His promises. I have received such wonderful letters from our Christians in Africa. My husband has gone on to pray; but his works do follow him. We tried to teach our adopted family in Africa to put God first in life. It was not always easy, but it is paying rich dividends. We taught them to build their own churches. At times they did not see the vision, but now they write and thank us for helping them to be able to stand alone. This week I heard of Ernest, one of our men, that the mission closed his school for lack of money. Now they have built a school of their own, and the people are paying him to teach. In Lamurde, our station, has 200 children in government and mission school. They have no room for more. So the parents and other Christians are planning to build a two-room school in the town and hire their own teachers. At first some villages planned to turn to the Catholics for help; but now they are seeking to help themselves with the help of God. In Lamurde the people are at present completing their own new church. I feel that they are really serving God in earnest.

You see friends, even now I am not left alone, though miles away from the work I love. Going to a foreign field can be a life rich in reward. I am writing this because

I feel that there are young pastors and their wives whom God calls. I beg of you, join the DO IT YOURSELF PROGRAM. Africa needs you now, not next year or later. What is to be done, must be done while the doors are still open. If you go, remember Jesus still says: "Lo, I am with you always." Man may fail you, God will not fail. "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

When Marriages Break Down

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change with the years. One person may mature with time, another may make no progress at all, a third may deteriorate, becoming dependent and selfish. In a Christian husband and wife, the grace of God provides a common factor, and both grow in spiritual understanding. Christian couples do not seem to have the extreme incompatibilities which one sees in some other marriages: instead, the Holy Spirit smoothes away rough edges and provides a common influence, helping the couple to grow together. The Holy Spirit brings integration to a marriage.

A Christian man and woman have the example of Christ's behaviour, and wish to live in a way which honours Him. They have, too, a firm conviction that marriage is an estate ordained by God, and they take strong measures to remain together. They regard unpleasant conduct as sinful, and do their best to avoid it, both by their own efforts and with the help of the Holy Spirit. From my observation and experience, it seems quite clear that the incidence of marital unhappiness is much lower among convinced Christian people.

To conclude, then, the high incidence of divorce presents a social problem which should cause concern to thinking people. Experience shows that there are a few marriages where separation of the partners is inevitable. This separation may need to be for shorter or longer periods, but, as long as adequate provision is made for maintenance and custody, there seems no need, even in these cases, for a divorce to be considered. It should be possible for our whole community to develop higher aims and ideals for marriage. It is possible for individual marriages to be strengthened considerably by human means such as careful education and preparation. Even more important than this is the fact that special spiritual grace is available to people who acknowledge Christ as Lord and are led by the Holy Spirit.

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Previously acknowledged (August 3, 1956)	10117.10	322.78	1472.21	3031.40	3132.59	598.82	43.57	1515.7
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	100.00			100.00				
Luck, Wis., First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church sent by H. R. Swensen	5.00				5.00			
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church Ladies Aid in memory of Cecil Jones	5.00				5.00			
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church in memory of Eileen Sorensen sent by Mrs. Annie Sorensen \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sorensen \$25	35.00	35.00						
Luck, Wis., First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church	175.00			175.00				
Co. Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	500.00			500.00				
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Ev. Luth. Church	1000.00		500.00	300.00				200.0
Edmore, Mich., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	154.31			154.31				
Chicago, Ill., from Frances and Edwin Jorgensen in memory of Peter Sorensen, Boston, Mass.	20.00				20.00			
Chicago, Ill., from Mrs. Metha Knudsen in memory of Peter Sorensen, Boston, Mass.	5.00							5.00
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Irene, S. Dak., Turkey Valley Luth. Church	25.00							25.00
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Trin. Luth. Church given by Kirsten Knudsen	10.00						10.00	
Owatonna, Minn., Our Saviour's Luth. Church Synod Quota	300.00			300.00				
Shennington, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church Synod Quota	25.00			25.00				
Fresno, Calif., Grace Luth. Church Guild in memory of Alida S. Lund	5.00			5.00				
Evan, Minn., St. Matthew's Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Wm. Christensen from friends and relatives	*23.00	4.00			19.00			
Exira, Ia., Luth. Church from Danish Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Rev. Stanley Larsen's father Martin Larsen	5.00				5.00			
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church Synod Quota	200.00			200.00				
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church, Munchi Tudu A/c	70.00			70.00				
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church from Mrs. Christine Eskelsen in memory of her husband	10.00		5.00					5.00
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	250.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00			50.00
Westbrook, Me., Trin. Luth. Church in memory of Harry Christensen from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Donovan \$5, Christian Winter, Keith V. Miller and Stanley Estes \$5	10.00				10.00			
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* For Children's Homes: Mr. and Mrs. August H. Vuadt \$2 and Lyle J. Andersens \$2; For Home Mission: Jens Jensens \$2, Ernest Nelsens \$1, Mrs. Amanda Fuller, Mrs. J. R. Jensen, Mrs. Matilda Olsen and Mrs. Geo. Riedesel \$3, Richard Christensen \$1, Mrs. Johanna Kjelgaard \$2, Mrs. Lena Simonsen \$2, Harold Laubes \$1, Alfred Sorensens \$2, Mrs. Nellie Hansen, Carrie Hansen, C. A. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mikaelson and Rev. and Mrs. Grill \$1 each. Total for Home Mission \$19.00.

SPECIAL MISSIONS	Foreign Missions		South		Japan		Santal		Sudan		Jewish World		1956 Luth. China	
	Total Received	(Where Most Needed)	Amer. Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission
Budgets:			16000.00	25000.00	10000.00	16745.00							43399.00	
Previously acknowledged (August 3, 1956)	47811.77	852.61	8209.16	9351.09	5624.26	8743.81	249.78	14766.06					15.00	
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	10.00												10.00	
Milltown, Wis., Luth. S. S.	38.17		38.17											
Luck, Wis., First Eng. Luth. Church sent by Mrs. Wille Hansen	4.00	1.00			2.00							1.00		
Luck, Wis., First Eng. Luth. S. S.	9.04		9.04											
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church in memory of Eileen Sorensen by Rev. John Nielsen \$1, St. Peter's Ladies Aid \$3, relatives and friends \$10	14.00		14.00											
Co. Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	100.00												100.00	
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church	550.00	300.00											250.00	
Owatonna, Minn., Our Savior's Luth. S. S.	20.00													
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church, Circle 1	27.00		15.00					20.00						
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. S. S.	30.00							12.00						
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Jr. Mission Band	25.00				12.50			12.50						
Fremont, Nebr., Bluffs, Trin. Luth. Church	260.00											260.00		
Evan, Minn., St. Matthew's Luth. Church from Augusta and Anna Andersen in memory of Mrs. Wm. Christensen	2.00			2.00										
Ruskin, Nebr., sent by Chris Laursen, Ruskin, in memory of Marius Svendsen, Racine, Wis.	5.00		5.00											
Westbrook, Me., Trin. Luth. Church in memory of Harry Christensen from Tabitha Society	10.00		10.00											
from Choir	5.50				5.50									
Oakland, Calif., from a friend	100.00				100.00									
TOTAL	49021.48	1153.61	8300.37	9458.59	5638.76	8818.31	249.78	15387.06					15.00	

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebr., August 10, 1956.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

The church is not to be judged by the frailties or failures of its members. The church is to be judged for what it can do for a person, and what it offers in its ideals, its resources, and not by those who have let the church down.

Robert Boyd Munger, in
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Professor Nyholm writes from Dubuque: "Some of our students have already located at Dubuque. Mr. Carl Hansen, a junior from St. Paul, Nebraska, has rented a house on most favorable conditions. He brings his wife and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkegaard on their first day in Dubuque found several vacant apartments at a rent from \$50 and up. Mr. Kirkegaard also found it easy to get part-time employment."

NEWS AND NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENT

52nd Annual Nebraska District Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, September 13-16, with our Denver churches as hosts, but headquarters in the Altura Community Lutheran Church, Emery L. Jensen, Pastor. Every congregation in the District should be represented by one delegate for every 50 confirmed members or fraction thereof. We urge all our pastors to attend. In regard to help for pastors' travel-expenses read the decision of last convention, page 24 of the RE-

District Topic to be discussed: **THE RIGHT USE OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL IN OUR PREACHING AND TEACHING.**

topic chosen by the four conventions to be discussed on Friday morning is: **"THE CONGREGATION'S GOSPELISM POTENTIAL."**

For a convention rich in blessing for hosts and guests alike.

M. G. Christensen,
District President.

IOWA DISTRICT CONVENTION NOTICE

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Coulter, extends to all pastors, delegates and guests a cordial invitation to attend the 59th Annual Convention of Iowa District, to be held September 13-16.

Dinner and breakfast will be furnished in private homes for those who prefer by September 1st. For those who prefer to arrange for commercial accommodations, we can refer you to a travel agent and a hotel.

Address all reservations and inquiries to Mr. Delos H. Lind, Coulter, giving full details as to date of arrival, length of stay, number in party and whether or not you will bring your own car.

Transportation will be furnished to and from railroad stations and bus depots. Phone Coulter 9-4391.

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Jack E. Jacobsen, Pastor
Delos H. Lind, Chairman
Reservation and Registration

NEBRASKA DISTRICT W.M.S.

Annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, Nebraska District will be held in conjunction with the District Convention at Denver, Colorado, September 13-16th, 1956.

All societies are urged to send delegates to this convention.

Members of the executive board.

2. Wives of the pastors of our district.

3. Delegates elected by local societies in the ratio of one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

The business meeting will be held Friday afternoon, September 14th at 1:15 sharp.

1. Reports

2. Election of executive officers, president and secretary.

The W.M.S. Mission program will be Friday evening. Mr. Gora Tudu, from our Santal Mission, India, will be

guest speaker and also on Saturday morning at the W.M.S. breakfast.

Mrs. Urban Meyer,
W.M.S. President of Nebr. Dist.

IOWA DISTRICT W.M.S.

The annual meeting of the Iowa District W.M.S. will be held at Coulter, Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 1:30 P.M. We hope it will be possible for delegates and W.M.S. members to meet with us at this convention.

Gora Tudu has been engaged to speak at the evening meeting. Many of you remember him from the convention.

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